

# Race Protest Cases of 159 Are Decided

The cases of 159 persons arrested in racial demonstrations last summer were disposed of yesterday before Judge Gordon B. Nash in Jury court.

Four persons were found guilty and fined \$25 each. Twenty-two persons were found guilty but their fines were suspended. The remaining 133 defendants were discharged.

The 159 were arrested during demonstrations at four locations during which they protested alleged segregation in the city's public schools. The locations were the school board offices, 228 N. La Salle st.; Peale Elementary school, 6006 Peoria st.; Guggenheim Elementary school, 7150 Sangamon st.; and mobile classroom units at 73d street and Lowe avenue.

The defendants sang in the hallway as they awaited trial in the fifth floor courtroom in the Criminal court building, but sheriff's police put a halt to the singing.

The four found guilty and

fined were William Devine, 32, of 1652 Sheridan rd.; John Harkins, 27, of 313 Hawthorne lane, Hoffman Estates; John Anderson, 18, of 6514 Ross av.; and Bernard Sanders, 21, of 5411 University av.

Devine was arrested Dec. 9 at the school board offices and charged with criminal trespass. Harkins was arrested Aug. 2 at 75th and Lowe and charged with resisting a police officer. Anderson was arrested Aug. 13 at 73d and Lowe and charged with battery, and Sanders was arrested Aug. 12 at 74th and Lowe and charged with resisting arrest.

Miss Willie Whiting, assistant state's attorney, told the court that the four were in positions of leadership and engineered the demonstrations.

She said many of the defendants were discharged because they were part of the horde and in the heat of duty the police officers could not definitely identify the individuals committing specific acts."